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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (CLARK, DICK)

SUBJECT: CODEL CLARK'S VISIT TO BOTSWANA

1. SENATOR CLARK, ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF MEMBERS MARIANNE SPIEGEL AND WILLIAM RICHARDSON, PAID FLYING VISIT TO GABORONE SUNDAY, NOV. 28. THEY WERE MET AT AIRPORT BY GOB MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND INFORMATION KWELAGOBÉ, SEC EXTAFF MPOTOKWANE, AND CHARGE'. HELD 1 HR. 20 MIN. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA, JUST RETURNED FROM HOSPITALIZATION IN JOHANNESBURG. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR SENATOR TO BRIEF CHARGE' (WHO DID NOT ATTEND MEETING), HE DID INDICATE THAT ONE OF MAIN SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WAS INCREASING NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA.

2. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM AIRPORT, SENATOR HELD SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF RADIO BOTSWANA AND THE BAILY NEWS, BOTH GOVERNMENT RUN. QUESTIONS WERE FRIENDLY AND ALLOWED SENATOR TO RESPOND IN VERY POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE VEIN. QUESTIONS CENTERED AROUND USG SUPPORT FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE, USG OPPOSITION TO SAG'S "SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT" POLICY, AND USG POLICY ON NAMIBIA. INTERVIEW WAS TAPED, SO WE EXPECT IT TO BE AIRED OVER LOCAL RADIO AS WELL AS TO BE REPORTED IN PRESS WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO (PRESS ALWAYS LAGS

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ONE-TWO DAYS BEHIND EVENTS).

3. SENATOR APPEARED WELL SATISFIED WITH BRIEF BUT PRODUCTIVE
STOP IN BOTSWANA. GOB OBVIOUSLY PLEASED THAT HE TOOK THE TIME
TO FLY UP. EMBASSY EQUALLY GRATEFUL.
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